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Whose Invisible Editor is the Conqueror on the white horse—the new Initiate in his solar body.

**The Conqueror**—to him I shall award to eat (the fruit) of the tree of life which is in the middle of the Garden of the God.

The award to the **Conqueror,** is the Eternal Memory: he shall eat the fruit of the tree of life (the fruitage of the life cycle) in the God's own abiding place, the mystical paradise or state of ineffable bliss.

The award to the **Conqueror** is conscious Immortality; he is to wear the crown of life, and nothing that originates in the soul-consciousness shall pass into the ablivion of the second death.

**The Conqueror**—to him I shall award to eat a share of the hidden manna and I shall award to him a white voting-pebble, and on the voting pebble (will be) a new name engraved, which no one knows but he who receives it.

**The Conqueror**—he shall be clothed in white garments, and I shall not at all erase his name from the book of life, but I shall acknowledge his name before my Father and before his Divinities.

**The Conqueror** shall not at all be punished by the second death. He who has an ear to hear, let him hear.

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## SENSE OF SEPARATENESS

GOD, JEHOVA, ALLAH, are all one. The sense of separateness of individuals is the great curse set upon Humanity suffering on the Cross of Matter and crucified in the five gross physical senses. All would be harmony and life and light were we to operate on a plane above the physical where all is seen to be one down here. The whole trouble is we dwell at the mouth of the stream of human incarnation and do not get back to our Oneness, the Source of all things. Should we do so then there would be no more anxiety, confusion nor any more getting by the other fellow. Competition, strife, war, hell and greed would be eliminated. The sense of separateness that you and I are different entities and of course our evolutionary plan is entirely different is a trick of Mother Nature to keep us separate and divided and continually at war with each other set in Earth plane conditions and the established order reigns supreme.

Jesus said if I be lifted up I shall draw all men unto me. Likewise I have been lifted up into the Sunlight of the Supreme and I give you this message tonight from the Above. You must learn to dwell more in the higher Triad, the Atma manifestation of your being. Were I to say the Father side of the Triad, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, you would know at once what I mean. Watch yourself, keep a constant overshadowing eye over yourself, and you will find an emotional body, a mental body and a gross physical animal body. When the emotional body speaks you are agitated, excited and fly off the handle. When your mental body is in action you are more conserved, quiet, reflective and responsive to self command and open to interior suggestion. When the gross physical body is in action I need not describe for you know the animal likes sensation from head to toes and the less the mental disturbs it the better time it can have.

Above the three bodies thus described is the Higher Self which is in silent contemplation of things Divine. It never acts, It never thinks, IT IS, and all that transpires down here is but the fluctuations of the lower sheathes in action. No harm is done other than a complete standstill of progress and advancement. "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone, He has married him a wife, he has bought a yoke of oxen, he must needs go and prove them.." The lower self is satiate in an animal desire body that sufficeth all. The modes (lower) are in action, the Higher dormant and dead so far as the lower self (man) is concerned.

I have now come into Union with my Higher Self and I wait until my day when so-called Death strikes the physical man to release me from false earth plane conditions, then no more incarnation for me, I am

through with it forevermore. When he comes to know ME, the undying eternal Self, then he has completed his course of evolution here on Earth, in an Earth body, he is now at-one with the SUPREME!

Today I felt the Divine Spirit, the Holy Parousia, descending upon my brow. I felt quite alone all day living on a light diet and engaged in prayer and silent sacred meditation on the Holy Light of the Divine Within. The purity of our natures brings forth the inward Spirit to the surface. The sense of separateness destroyed Union with the Higher Self becomes a realization. Oh, if Theosophists throughout the Whole World would only reorganize on the basis of the Higher Self teaching they would swamp Christian Science, Theology and all the Spiritual Cults in existence. For with a living, wide awake, dynamic movement spiritual in its nature, it would prove the Salvation and Redemption of Humanity. If Theosophy could accomplish for others what it has done for me, the whole World would be a place of Divine Life, Love and Unity—the Eternal manifest in the hearts of MEN,—the New Spiritual Renaissance come into play throughout the whole Earth, for one man has come to Eternal Life and thereby destroys all sense of separateness in His Divine Union with others.

All men are created free and equal in their Spiritual counterpart only. When that Union takes place the Brotherhood of the Ages comes into play. A New Christ Man hath come to birth in the hearts of all and the New Equalization once accomplished the so-called Dead shall come to life and the words of Lincoln fulfilled that Government of the People, by the People, and for the People shall not perish from the earth, hence the resolve that these dead have not died in vain

but have come up into the consciousness of their identity with the Whole; the sense of separateness once destroyed, this World will be resolved into pure SPIRIT, our Spiritual identity established and GOD left out of the whole business!

I know all those who quote Lincoln as having said or written his Gettysburg address under the burden of GOD quote him incorrectly. "That this Nation shall have a New Birth of Freedom, that these dead shall not have died in vain, that government of the People, by and for the People" clearly indicates Lincoln as a master knew his catechism written in MAN, for MAN and by MAN himself who knows his *inner constitution* and once given an opportunity shall redeem himself in the eyes of the World as an Immortal Entity whose oneness defies Death and even the Ecclesiastics who have played GOD to destroy that Oneness and feed on the Sense of Separateness which gives them their power of keeping us separated and divided.

FOR IN UNION THERE IS SALVATION UNTO THE ETERNAL DAY!

I want the Whole World *to know that I, the Eternal Undying I* have come to save them from the Preachers and Priests and bring the sheep into the Father's House where with glad tidings, joy and peace I shall forever be at home here on Earth among My People!

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## THE DOWNFALL OF CHRISTENDOM

AND THE INNOVATION of The New Order of the Ages is now about to ensue where Ecclesiasticism has at last met its final conqueror in the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God; a New Christ form is given

Humanity in a New Teacher who shall proclaim unto the World a New Code of Ethics inscribed on the Reverse Side of the Seal of the United States: "God Prosper Us In Our Undertaking," and we shall go forward conquering and to conquer unto the Eternal Day!

All the Churches are now bent on destruction. At the moment their inner God consciousness says unto the People leave thy temples outwardly and enter ye into the Temple of the Living Spirit, at that moment with one grand crash the Churches will be laid in utter ruin and the preachers and priests forced to earn an honest and righteous means of living. Living on the fat of the land so long, making Jesus the goat for their fat times and easy change, it will be a hard matter for them to adjust themselves to the New Order, as most of them would rather die and go to GOD on the inside than to have their GOD desert them on the outside. Well they will find GOD as cold to their desires and commands on the inside and infinitely more so for there will be no People to fleece, no contribution boxes to rob, and no taxes to dodge. Nothing but unalterable LAW and RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE will stare them in the face! "As ye have sown now also shall ye reap. Ye have sown to the wind, ye shall reap to the whirlwind." So prepare ye for the Eternal Fires of central destruction. Back to the elements, ye who have fooled others, and in fooling others have fooled none other than yourselves. Ye hypocrites and vipers filled with dead men's bones and rottenness, prepare ye for the wrath of God's Kingdom come here on Earth where there will be no more Churches, Priests nor Preachers; neither will there be any more tale of woe that Jesus died to save us all; in its stead a New Doc-

trine of At-one-ment will be declared that the Churches, Priests and Preachers have all died to save Humanity but their passing will be none of their own choice only that starvation and death is infinitely better to their future welfare than complete annihilation of the Orthodox cause!

Why am I so bitter against the established order of things here in America, the leading Christian Nation of the Whole Earth? Because instead of producing true earnest followers of Christ the Church organization has become a grist mill to produce teachers and leaders who are the product of selfish commercialism. The millions of dollars poured into the Church treasury boxes are but the sweat and blood money made through the enslavement of the People. You do not mean to tell me that you can save Mankind spiritually by destroying him materially. Such false philosophy may well go down in the canons of the Church but it will not go down the throats of a downtrodden People who now have their eyes opened at last and see that what even the political parties do is merely the voicing of suave preachers and priests to keep the masses in ignorance telling them the established order of things is all right and preach the Doctrine of the Atonement that Jesus died to save us all!

There is only one crowd that can die to save us all and that crowd is the Priests and Preachers for if they do not soon die and their system smashed into pieces that each piece is relegated to oblivion, the whole of Civilization will perish and all that will be left will be Pope Pius and his crowd of Black Jesuits and Friars chanting the requium mass of the Dead and praying for more Souls to come back to Earth so that they might continue to play their diabolical Mass upon their

heads and control them from the cradle to the grave physically, mentally, and psychically.

**Watch Divine Life Lead!**

I have told the truth, the whole truth and nothing else but the truth. The established system of earth plane existence today is nothing more than the diabolical outcome of Black Magic operated through the MASS of the Roman Church. You notice they live by the Roman Calendar; whenever they want to know how to proceed they consult their Roman Calendar. This Calendar has been so purposely devised that Humanity will always come under the Roman heel and Catholics shall control us consciously and unconsciously. But this Roman Calendar is now about to be broken. This Roman Calendar is a hotch potch of the ancient formulas to control elemental Spirits. To make them do their secret bidding from destroying a President and a Republic to making America Catholic and bring us all under the domination of Pope Pius. The Mass is so constituted as to stir up and keep stirred up the lower elements of Man's desire, nature preventing him from ever thinking for himself and making him the slave of educated Priests and Preachers whose knowledge of animal magnetism and will power make them indefeasible among a lot of God's yokels who know nothing about the Priest's crosier, staff, penticle and bell!

I wonder if I am not telling too much for my own personal safety? Surely one who knows the inside of the whole corrupt Roman Catholic Mass, their confessional, their secret prayers, their methods among intriguing Priests, their Oath of Allegiance to the Pope, the powers granted each Bishop, Archbishop and even Cardinal; the powers conferred on Cardinals are the

last degree next to the Pope himself for with this power of Ancient Magic even the Priests and Bishops and Archbishops under him are weak and helpless when he says Yes or No. No one save the POPE can have higher authority. So we see the whole corrupt Roman Catholic Political Machine called a Church and a place of God's worship is nothing more than a den of thieves and a Hall of Ancient Magic where Paganism reigns and the fools of the World congregate.

I know you think it is awful at my unveiling this whole rotten mess but let me add one more for the gravy. The Preachers in the Protestant denominations are not a whit better than the Roman Priesthood. They are merely autocrats with less power of authority yet nevertheless they exercise that authority secretly, silently and just as relentlessly as do their brothers who have an Infallible Pope over them. The only difference between the two classes of highway robbers is that the Infallible Pope serves one cause while the Infallible Doctrine of the Church serves the other, the Virgin Birth of Jesus, the Immaculate Conception and the tale that Jesus died to save us all! Though one lady remarked to the writer lately if the preachers were not so lazy perhaps they would tell the truth. If they were forced to go to work and earn an honest living and not live off others perhaps the Church glamour would not prove so strong for them. But as it is easier to lie, cheat, and steal from their Congregations than to tell the whole Truth, the Doctrine of the Atonement stands, and Jesus is made the scapegoat and so the whole rotten system revolves and has revolved for ages on lies, deception, misrepresentation and chicanery and abuse!

The DIVINE LIFE now has power to create a NEW ORDER OF THE AGES, also power to destroy the old. I know that you know what I mean.

Christianity has never yet produced a genius outside of Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ never belonged to what we today style Christianity. Christianity is the cause of all the War, Hell, Greed, Death, Starvation, Lies, Rottenness, Misrepresentation and even the cause of human embodiment; for were there no lying clergy who know the game of producing forms calling them men and destroying them with the same power they employ to create them it all revolves about the central knowledge of the Constitution of MAN. And what is MAN?

A mass of human forms which Ignatius Lloyola used to carry out the development of his WILL POWER. For Lloyola conceived the idea that once the Church could control the foetus in the womb through the elemental kingdom, what transpires here on Earth would only be a replica of the inner or psychic planes where the Roman Church still holds Mass over the Souls of the Dead and contravenes their power to think for themselves and become individual entities. I say and maintain I must have come from that ancient venerable Church to know all about the here and the hereafter, but my knowledge now even transcends the knowledge of the best brains of Roman Church Catholicism today even to the Pope and Jesuits themselves. For when I say DIVINE LIFE leads I know whereof I speak! I say the WORD OF POWER and the end of their age-long MAGIC ceases so far as the Earth plane is now concerned. I will destroy Roman Catholicism in AMERICA before I die. I am the second Martin Luther who will not form a Church

to follow him but form an opinion that shall never die; and that opinion bears well with Humanity today.

BEFORE WE CAN PROGRESS ALONG THE LINES LAID DOWN BY OUR FOREFATHERS WE MUST DESTROY ALL CHURCHES AND GET BACK FIRST TO AMERICAN PRINCIPLES!

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## OPEN YE PORTALS FOR I HAVE COME!

THE COMING CHRIST has arrived! Oh, it's the old, old story everyone has been predicting,—The Coming Christ,—but as yet no one has seen Him come. Of course they are looking for his presence in the clouds and not in the hearts of their fellowman.

My allusion to the Coming Christ made in the columns of DIVINE LIFE has been the impersonal and not a carnalized Christ or Saviour. We have combatted Mrs. Besant's false Christ for years, only to be ridiculed as attackers and against the true Christ Spirit, but little Krishnamurti today admits he has been the dupe of Mr. Leadbeater and Mrs. Besant so long that he has grown sick and tired of the whole matter, says he only wants to be plain Mr. Krishnamurti. Well, we knew that from the beginning, just plain Mr. Krishnamurti, without any of the fringes of greatness attached to his normal Ego. Mrs. Besant and Mr. Leadbeater would make him the reincarnation of Maitreya Buddha, a second Jesus come to birth but Coming Christs are not manifest in that manner and Theosophists should know at this late date that little Krishnamurti has evinced no evidence in his writings that he has attained Union with the Higher Self.

"At the Feet of the Master," that little treatise on the Higher Life was stolen from ancient oriental works, vamped by the Master of Darkness, Mr. Leadbeater put into little Krishnamurti's mouth as he admits today he never wrote the work. This was done by Annie and her co-partner in Darkness to make money, herald a Second Coming and fool and dupe the Public. But both of these T. S. charlatans will pay for their foolish actions in the next body or consciousness without a body where they can tell the Whole World that they lied, cheated and misrepresented the Christ Spirit in Man by palming off an innocent Hindu lad who even today does not know what it is all about in order to advance their own claims to greatness in sponsoring a Coming Christ, associating themselves with the Evolutionary progress of the Globe and making themselves the laughing-stock of Humanity and the precursors to the fall of the mighty Theosophical Society supposed to propagate the Ancient Wisdom but in reality the home brew of all the dilettante and chicanery which only two degenerate minds could concoct coming out of the Ancient Venerable Mother Church in league with the Powers of Darkness to fool Mankind and keep them in abject ignorance of their true state of being and bound to the wheel of re-birth forevermore!

Krishnamurti today is so confused about attainment in the spiritual realms that he confounds HAPPINESS with Renunciation and Sacrifice. The boy is made the butt of all the World delusions, believes in reveling in the senses, getting the greatest satisfaction out of living and enjoying himself on the material plane that any sensualist would enjoy and sees no wrong in playing out the part. His tutelage under Mr. Leadbeater has made him a Man of the World. He

makes no bones at driving a car and the top speed is none too slow for Krishna, he is a fool of all the World delusions from tennis, basketball to rowing, swimming and taking out the girls for a sporty time. He's human all right, only too human to evince any qualities of the Higher Life where repression of the senses, sacrifice, renunciation would play any part in the holy life of a man who professes to be the Coming Teacher of Mankind to lead them in the paths of Righteousness. I affirm his California Colony is a home of merry makers and sensualists. They believe in going naked, worshipping the Sun, the ancient daemons (evil spirits), use of elemental spirits to accomplish their ends and a host of rituals that Leadbeater tacked on to Theosophy to make it palatable to sensation mongers and folks who do not care too much about sacrificing themselves for the Truth. It is in reality a child's show with a child (Hindu) at its head to fool good conscientious liberty-loving Americans.

The whole thing should be driven from our shores as materialistic, misrepresenting the Ancient Wisdom and an affront to every liberty-loving citizen who is up in arms against Leadbeater's magic and Besant's nonsense. I have been attacked time and again as a fomenter of trouble and a false prophet because I have exposed the falsehood in the whole of the T. S. teaching but it were better to tell the whole TRUTH than to live the lie the American Section is living and in fooling Americans fool themselves into disintegration and destruction.

The American Section Theosophical Society today is on its last legs in membership, spiritual ennui and lack of funds to carry on. Why? Because men like L. T. Rogers, A. P. Warrington and Mr. Sidney Cook

who know the whole truth about the diabolical plot to capture America with Hindu Magic, Ceremonials and Ritualistic Practices, are too low sodden in their natures and dishonest to admit it and step down and out before they themselves destroy their own Souls. But they have already paid the price, for with the immediate death of their ancient venerable Leader and psychic quack the whole American Section will go to pieces and flounder on a rock of materialism that H. P. B. predicted as she herself was the cause of the whole thing and not Mrs. Annie Besant and Leadbeater, two crooks who followed this Russian vampire who fooled the World into believing that Spirituality emanated from Occultism, and Occultism coming out of the Ancient Venerable Mother Church was no sister for Theosophy (the Ancient Wisdom) to associate with particularly when the President and Founder of the Theosophical Society had been practicing BLACK MAGIC for years and posing as a Messenger of the Masters of Wisdom!

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## THE LAST GREAT ENEMY OVERCOME? DEATH!

HAVE at last solved the GREAT PROBLEM OF THE AGES! DEATH! It requires a Genius of all Nations to accomplish this feat, the feat of deceiving the Devil and forcing him out of this earthly home into his own Den of the Underworld where he will be locked (not for a thousand years to be let loose again as the Biblical narration falsely states) but destroyed henceforth forevermore because one man that is myself, the product of natural spiritual evolution (natural growth), hath made the grade, gained union with the Higher Self

(within) and become at-one with the Father, the Supreme, the Goal of Independent Theosophy.

Now how am I to give evidence of the Logos (God Within) to the unregenerate, unenlightened minds or souls? Listen. No shouting from the housetops can make them aware that I have become at-one with the ALL, the Supreme Soul within; so I confine my Message alone to the enlightened, those who have now at least become aware of their own Spiritual identity, who can imbibe of the esoteric teaching and partake of the Divine Ambrosia.

Over and above this physical body lies a legume of celestial weapons, divine in character. I mean spirits of all that hath ever lived and died. This potential force is of ring form, awakening the paraklete or Divine parousia. Now I am getting to the kernel of the nut. You have always thought, haven't you, that besides being Harry Smith, John Brown or Sam Hill you were at the same time something else far greater than any earthly manifestation could yield. Well this imposing Higher Self comes to fruition, blooms only in any one century, in only one MAN. When that bloom comes to birth as in all former Masters of Truth it is able to unlock the magazines of the SOUL, tell the whole truth of the inner Constitution of Man, and show a way out of the labyrinthine passages which constitute human consciousness. Now I have become one with you on the interior planes, I cannot only guess your thoughts, live your lives, but dissect the Human Heart, the proof that I KNOW what I am talking about.

On this subject, gentlemen, I am past Master! Listen! The GREAT HEART OF ALL HUMANITY now beats within my breast. Now I can speak

at one with Lincoln, Emerson, Jesus, Buddha, Mohammet and Laotzu. Now I can unveil the inner shrine, the Temple of the Holy of Holies, now I can conjure with the Divine Word, say the Word of Power and the Universal Elements respond to my pen and touch.

I AM TO BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THESE UNITED STATES BY THE POWER OF MY SPIRIT WITHIN!

What I now demand on the physical plane comes to pass QUICK! Why? How come?

The Whole of my constitution overcomes the BLACK!

The Goodness of my constitution overcomes the EVIL!

The Power of my Constitution overcomes all OPPOSITION!

I am a focal power now, an index to the constitution of all Humanity. Harry E. Richeimer, the new name received which no man knows save Him who receives it, hath now been laid on the altar of Sacrifice! The Jewish Mystery once solved by this man Richeimer, the Doctrine of the Atonement of the Orthodox clergy goes into the discard immediately. For I have solved DEATH, therefore, Eternal Life. I am come to save the World from the clergy, who have lied, misrepresented, cheated Humanity of their Heavenly Home here and now by telling them that it all lies beyond the Grave! What foolishness, what downright hypocrisy, what a gross distortion of the TRUTH! Not lies they will have to admit before the Inner Shrine, the Holies of Holies, but outright IGNORANCE. We didn't know, therefore we told the best We Knew How!!!

Oh, simple enough for me now to tell the Whole World the TRUTH. I am the Master of the Word

made Flesh. Conjurer with the Word, which is but the Fire of GOD in manifestation—and either you conquer it or it conquers you. It is a consuming FIRE which like the Egyptian Sphinx devours all who fail to solve her riddle. Here are my credentials. I Shout THE WORD:

MAN - AUM
AUM - MAN
MAU - NAM
NAU - MAN

The German for the English word name. Yes Now MAN for your separation from the priestly devils who have controlled your minds for ages.

How shall I attest my Right to the Power of the SPIRIT? Tear down this Temple MAN and I shall resurrect it in three mighty days. The tearing down process has been complete. Now for the Resurrection!

This year will prove all I have written. I am come. I am come in this man RICHEIMER to save the World from the lying ignorant Preachers and Priests. Thy Kingdom Come now here on Earth and the Shadows of Priestcraft shall dissolve to make way for the

— NEW ORDER OF THE AGES —

AMEN, AMEN, AUMEN, OH MEN OF LIGHT, LIFE, STRENGTH, AND IMMORTALITY, COME TO MY HEART AND I SHALL GIVE YOU PEACE AND REST AND JOY FOREVERMORE.

MY ONENESS HERE ON EARTH HATH DEVELOPED INTO REALIZATION! ! !

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## ELISE : LIFE IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

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## THE CELESTIAL SYSTEM, or HIGHER EVOLUTION

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*By*

CELESTIA ROOT LANG

Author of "Son Of Man, or Sequel to Evolution"

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*"Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty, and in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness."*

TO CELESTIA

"Beautiful, grand and holy this sacred mission demands the dedication and consecration of her whole liberated spiritual being to its service; for it means the making of the World anew! It implies the lifting of Man to the level of her pure nature, of breathing into his life the inspiration that will lure him on to his own and the World's redemption."

HARRY EDWARD RICHEIMER.

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PREFACE

*"God is ever drawing like towards like and making them acquainted."*

—PLATO.

A friend suggests that "Son of Man, or Sequel to Evolution" should be "clothed" in a binding of wrought gold, and sent to the Woman's Department of the World's Fair, as a sample of the mental and spiritual growth and advancement of the sex in religion and science; and an incentive to women to begin the study of evolution—to "think on these things."

In giving this work, and "Son of Man"—the author's mite—she gives the result of years of patient study, research and spiritual development — wrought out of her own life. Emerson says that, "The only gift is a portion of thyself," then who can give more of themselves than an author?

Is Thought, the power back of every volition, to count as nothing and have no place in the World's Fair? Is it not meet that the author's work should be placed beside gifts that are "clothed in raiment of needlework"?

Others have wrought more for the advancement of "Art for Art's Sake," but what woman has done more for the advancement of Truth and Spiritual knowledge; and the consummation of the union of Religion and Science?

The result of Spiritual development, as concerns the individual, reveals unsuspected depths in the abyss of personality. It is a great revealer of what may be regarded as the inner sanctuary or soul-center.

It seems to me that in spiritual development we have come upon a latent power of the soul, that if we studied attentively would carry us a long way toward luxuriating in heavenly places here and now.

I am indifferent to spiritual phenomena compared with the religious and philosophical result to which spiritual development seems to point. I see in spiritual evolution and the Christ principle theory not a theology, but a philosophy of the principles and processes by which a true system theology can be reached—in the near future.

—C. R. Lang.

## INTRODUCTORY

*"He that writes to himself writes to an eternal public."*
—Emerson.

In this age of psychical research, there are evidently two schools: one searching and collating data from outside phenomena. This school is largely composed of a class of individuals, who I shall for convenience denominate Spiritists, those who are seeking for the truth of and believe in, certain forms of intercourse between embodied and disembodied spirits. The other school are searching and collating data from *within* regardless of outside phenomena, with the supreme purpose in view of establishing a general recognition of natural law in the spiritual world in harmony with natural law in the material world. This school is largely composed of a class, who I shall denominate *Spiritualists.* A Spiritualist is one who believes in the things of the spirit, who feels the divineness of his own soul, that, within himself, spirit has come to birth, "that he is a new creature," that the spirit within him is in touch with the infinite soul of the universe.

It is somewhat unfortunate that some of the best words, which ought to have the widest significance are narrowed, accidentally, in their application. Such is the case with the words Spiritist and Spiritualist, that I have chosen to denominate the two schools. In naming these two schools, I desire to rescue the word Spiritualist in its larger meaning, for the class who are to increase as spiritual science develops; while Spiritist is the more proper one for the type of thought which must decrease as spiritual law is brought into more general recognition.

The first school, Spiritists, are much the older, and far the larger school. It would, no doubt, outnumber the other school a thousand to one. While the Old school contains the greater number, the New school has the more enduring foundation. One of the New school may chase a thousand of the Old, and two put ten thousand to fight. The new school is based upon the evolutionary philosophy, that you can no more have material evolution without spiritual or psychic evolution than you can have an inside without an outside, a shadow without a substance. The upshot of the evolutionary philosophy of the New school is, that the spirit of man is as much the result of evolution as the physical man himself.

That there may be no misunderstanding in regard to my position, I will say that I belong to the New school, while I am aware that nine out of every ten who are conversant with my experience would affirm that I belong to the Old school, however, I think I have the best right to my opinion in the matter as I am in the best position to judge, as I have a retrospective view of six years. At the close of the first, second, or third years my mind was not settled in regard to the matter; I might have been persuaded into the belief that I belonged to the Old school—but now it would be impossible.

What I am writing, or about to write, may not greatly interest the present generation or twentieth century, but that is nothing to me, it is something I am not concerned with. I appeal to the future. The time is coming, when those now-born into the spiritual world—here in the body—will need just such crumbs as I have to give, to grow upon, and they will seek them. The most spiritually developed are only babes

in the spiritual kingdom on this side of the veil.

That I may throw out a few tendrils for the new spiritual babes to cling to, is my greatest motive in committing my own experience to writing. While I hope to make my data logical to thinking minds, my especial care is to make it so simple that those that "run may read," also that those who are weary may read without taxing their already overtaxed brains. I would make — not the old, old story — but the *new* story, *restful*. I would take my reader into my little barque and float on the border of the lake and gather the pond lilies as they lie on the *surface* of the water, and never once think of diving to the bottom of the lake to examine their roots. I would inhale their fragrance and behold their beauty and leave the specialist or those particularly fitted, to delve deeper. I confess that I am one of those weary ones—it is my constitution—and I could not be satisfied, until I had delved to the bottom, but now I have reached a point where I am willing to rest for a time—to float, and with half-closed eyes look backward over six years of life in the spiritual world, and consider what all this "vexation of spirit" amounts to, whether or not I have gathered any of the hobgloblins, ghosts, apparitions, and all things that make afraid, out of the path and made the "narrow way" easier, to those who are coming through spiritual birth, on to the higher plane, into the resurrection, into the New Life.

I expect to be obliged to create the taste by which my story of Life in the Spiritual World will be enjoyed. By writing of my own experience on the Christ plane or spiritual realm, I make the need felt which I can supply. I provoke the wants to which I can minister, and by doing this work I further unfold my own

spiritual life, and show to the world that life from day to day on the Christ plane is real existence.

That, when spiritual life comes to birth in us, we can live and work as naturally on the Christ plane under the Christ principle, theory or spiritual evolutionary philosophy, as we can on the plane of rational life, under the old "Creed of Christendom."

As individuals, we are no longer under the Old dispensation, but have come into the New or Christ dispensation, and we have come to stay—until the glory of the seventh plane, the plane of pure unembodied spirit, opens to our view.

The real utterance of a country or a locality can only come when a writer is born out of its intimate heart. To such a one, even in the spiritual realm, nothing will be "strange" or "picturesque"; all will be familiar and full of significance and beauty.

The story of the Christ plane must be written by one who was born into that life "as a little child," and taken part in its life; not out of curiosity, but of the pure pleasure there is, in seeking after truth. It can not be done by one on a plane below nor from the outside; it must be done by one *within* out of a full heart and without seeking for effect.

The element of originality follows from the power of the element sincerity. It does not imitate, it does not follow models. Therefore, the fiction of the Christ plane or spiritual realm must be original and therefore self-regulating.

Its higher literature includes unity. The higher literature would seem to be the literature that perceives and states the relation of things, giving atmosphere and relative values as they appear to the spiritual perception.

Until men came to see system and progression, and endless but definite succession in art and literature as in geologic change, until the law of progress, and its goal the Christ plane, was enunciated, no adequate conception of the future and no reasonable history of the past could be formulated.

Once prove literature and art subject to social conditions, to environment and social conformation, and the dominance of poetry in one age and the epic and drama in another becomes as easy to apprehend and to infer as any other fact of a people's history, and literature will embody these facts.

If the past ignored and trampled upon women, the future on the Christ plane will place them side by side with man, because they have reached the same plane of progressive elevation in the scale of physical being.

If the past in fiction was dark and baneful and bloody and barbarous, the future on the Christ plane will be peaceful and sunny. If the past celebrated lust and greed and love of power, the future will celebrate continence and humility and altruism. If the past was the history of a few titled personalities riding high on obscure waves of nameless suffering humanity, the future on the Christ plane will be the day of high personality, the peaceful walking together of brethren, and of men and women, equals before nature and before the law, and the literature of the Christ plane will celebrate this life.

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## THE QUESTION OF CHURCH TAXATION

One question upon which we have not touched is that of Church taxation. We will dismiss it for the present by quoting from two of our most distinguished Presidents, Garfield and Grant.

### President Garfield

In Congress, June 22, 1874, said:

"The divorce between Church and State ought to be absolute. It ought to be so absolute that no Church property anywhere in any State, or in the Nation should be exempt from equal taxation; for if you exempt the property of any Church organization to that extent you impose a tax upon the whole community."

### President Grant

In his annual message of 1875, recommended the passage of a constitutional amendment for the more complete separation of Church and State, and referred to the rapid increase of this exempt property as follows:

"In connection with this important question I would also call your attention to the importance of correcting an evil that if permitted to continue will probably lead to a great trouble in our land before the close of the nineteenth century. It is the acquisition of vast amounts of untaxed Church property. In 1850, I believe, the Church property of the United States which paid no tax, municipal or state, amounted to $87,000,000. In 1860 the amount had doubled. In 1870 it was $354,483,587. By 1900 without a check it is safe to say this property will reach the sum exceeding $3,000,000,000. So vast a sum receiving all the protection and benefits of Government, without bearing its proportion of the burdens and expenses of the same, will not be

loked upon acquiescently by those who have to pay the taxes. In a growing country where real estate enhances so rapidly with time as in the United States, there is scarcely a limit to the wealth that may be acquired by corporations religious or otherwise if allowed to retain real estate without taxation. The contemplation of so vast a property as here alluded to, without taxation may lead to sequestration without constitutional authority and through blood. I would suggest the taxation of all property equally."

Another great injustice, which is also contrary to law, is appropriation from the public treasuries, national and state, for religious institutions, schools, hospitals and others. The great graft of all these is appropriations and donations. Yet when their services are demanded they charge good fees, and but little service is rendered without them. The unblushing thievery which was practiced by the religious organizations during the European war, particularly the Y. M. C. A., which was thoroughly exposed by the present writer at the time, is a historic case of the dishonesty of religious societies when linked to the Government and getting Government money and support. The constant complaint today is of high taxes and the high cost of living. What about the high cost of superstition and religious imposture the citizen must pay for because the Church and the Priest do not bear their share of the burdens of Government? The shortage incurred amounts to many hundred millions a year. But not satisfied with the immunity thus shown them, these are united to subvert American Constitutional Principles and traitorously to destroy them.

For the past fifty years the advance of the World in knowledge has been astounding. Old landmarks,

guides, customs, traditions, beliefs and all that was formerly considered as established, have been called into question, and compelled to establish their right to exist under the New Dispensation of scientific knowledge. Some of these have failed to stand the test, chief of which have been the theology of the Christian Churches. Those institutions are losing out today simply because the thinking world sees no necessity for them rather because a Paine or an Ingersoll are attacking them. Bibles, theologies, churches, creeds and traditions are less thought of and less accepted today because they have been explained and shorn of their mysteries. They cease to interest thinking people.

The marvelous advance of knowledge has divided the churches. Those who have accepted it and are willing to abide by its conclusions are called modernists. Those who cling to the old beliefs, traditions and dogmas have taken unto themselves the name of Fundamentalists. These are the ones who do not want to learn or investigate. This "funny mentalism" born of ignorance and stupidity and a desire to remain so. It would be harmless were it not politically strong and did it not go into politics. But through the legislature it now seeks to dam up the stream of knowledge and to poison the fountains of learning with theological fiction. Many of us at one time thought there was no longer any danger from organized theological despotism. Those who so thought have had time to become disillusioned. The reaction, not of opinion, but of church tyranny within the past ten years has been a lesson for us. We become apathetic, let our organizations run down, thinking they were no longer needed, when suddenly we awake to the fact that they were never needed so much. While we were sleeping the

church was working, and when we aroused ourselves we realized the conspiracy which had been going on and was all but completely successful.

What is the remedy? A renewed knowledge of and diffusing of American Constitutional Principles which have been honored more in the breach than in the observance. An arousal of the People, and an appeal to their sense of justice and right. An exposure of this plotting by religionists and the holding up of the plotters as traitors and enemies of the peace and harmony of our country. Expose their false assertions everywhere. Place literature dealing with the real principles of American Government before the Public.

In 1858 Abraham Lincoln declared that under the Constitution Congress had the right to prohibit slavery in the territories of the United States. The burden of his most eloquent speeches was an effort to convince his Countrymen of this fact. Today we have a duty that is similar and of equal importance. It is to convince our People that neither Congress nor the State Legislatures under the Constitution have any right to legislate upon the subject of Religion, nor to grant favors, immunities or in any way to recognize its special claims or pleadings. This is our work.

To show how far we have departed from the ideals of our fathers, even within the past 50 years, let me call your attention to some of the political platforms within the last half a century. "Complete liberty and the exact equality in the enjoyment of all civil, political and public rights should be established and efficiently maintained throughout the Union by efficient and appropriate state and federal legislation. Neither the law nor its administration should admit any discrimination in respect to citizens by reason of race, creed, color or previous condition of servitude."

The Liberal Republican Platform adopted on May 1, of the same year, read: "We recognize the equality of all men before the law, and hold that it is the duty of government in its dealings with the People, to mete out equal and exact justice to all of whatever nativity, race, color or persuasion, religious or political." The Republican Platform of 1885 read: "The Constitution wisely forbids Congress to make any law respecting the establishment of Religion; but it is idle to hope that the Nation can be protected against the influences of sectarianism while each State is exposed to its domination. We therefore recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to lay the same prohibition upon the Legislature of each state, to forbid the appropriation of public funds to the support of sectarian schools." In 1876 the Democratic Party declared: "We do here reaffirm our faith in the total separation of Church and State for the sake alike of civil and religious freedom." On December 1, 1875, Hon. James G. Blaine introduced in the House of Representatives the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States: "No state shall make any law respecting an establishment of Religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; and no money raised by school taxation in any state for the support of public schools or derived from any public fund therefore nor any public lands devoted thereto, shall ever be under the control of any religious sect nor shall any money so raised or lands so devoted be divided between religious sects or denominations." This amendment passed the House by 180 to 7. It failed to receive the necessary two-thirds in the Senate. No party would have the courage to place such planks in its platform today. Why? Because of the influence of the Churches in politics. But let the American People arouse and cast out the religious graft, plotting and corruption that now infests our government, our politics and our social fabric. Let us determine like Lincoln to go back to the Constitution.

—From Religious Treason.

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